

REMARKS

Restriction Requirement

In the Office Action dated October 2, 2003, the Examiner asserts the claims are directed toward two distinct species, namely, Species I drawn to Figs. 1-6 (injection molded type bowl and lid) and Species II drawn to Figs. 7-12 (thermoformed type bowl and lid) and that applicant is required to elect a single species for prosecution on the merits. The Examiner states that claim 1 appears to be generic therefore, the remaining claims directed towards Species II will be held allowable once the generic claim is allowed.

Claims 1-9 are generic to both species and, therefore, read on Species I. Claim 10 is directed to Species II.

Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute Species I drawn to Figs. 1-6 and claims 1-9. Claim 10 (species II drawn to Figs. 7-12) is withdrawn until notice of allowance of generic claim 1.

Preliminary Amendment

Claims 1-4 and 8-10 have been amended and claims 11 and 12 have been cancelled herein.

The applicants respectfully submit that each of the pending claims 1-9 is in condition for allowance; notice of which is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

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Respectfully submitted,

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